

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, twenty-five years ago Dr. Thomas Sparkman took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Carol A. Wessel, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which took place on December 8, 1979, at Saint Andrews Lutheran Church with Beth Wessel serving as Maid of Honor and Randy Sparkman as Best Man; and

Whereas, two and one-half decades later Thomas and Carol Sparkman of Cape Girardeau will observe their Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on November 27, 2004, with a festive gathering of family members and friends at the Cape Girardeau Country Club; and

Whereas, Thomas and Carol Sparkman have been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, Tara King, Mark Hahn, and Randy Sparkman, and their grandchildren, Blake Sparkman, Sumner Sparkman, Tanner King, and Caden Hahn; and

Whereas, Dr. Thomas Sparkman is a physician at Cape Family Practice, a member of the Southern Medical Association, and a leader with the Fair Board; and

Whereas, Carol Sparkman is a nurse and office manager with her husband's practice, a volunteer at Southeast Hospital, active in the Southern Medical Association, and president of the Women's Auxiliary; and

Whereas, active members of Saint Andrews Lutheran Church, Thomas and Carol Sparkman will use the occasion of their Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Thomas and Carol Sparkman during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Thomas and Carol Sparkman and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Thomas and Carol Sparkman of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason G. Crowell
Majority Floor Leader
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker